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I don't know how many of you were on yesterday's NRRB/CSTAG Pre-Call, but wanted to let you know that Kristine Koch volunteered to answer any questions you might have as you go thru the package (87 pages, with 254 pages of figures, 355 pages of Tables, and 846 maps). The HQ team will be providing some guidance on which tables and figures are the more important ones to review. There were not many questions yesterday. I am also available to help answer any questions you might have so you can have a better understanding of the site and the Region's approach to the FS and remedy selection. (Doug, I got your message about the Site and will give you a call this am). As you may know, because of the Congressional request that Gina sign the ROD and that HQ provide more involvement at the site, last year Jim Woolford assigned Silvina Fonseca (the lead), Amy Legare, David Charters and me to be part of the Reg. 10/HQ "Team" working on the site. We have had tens of conference calls and several trips to Seattle to work on the site. At the NRRB/CSTAG meeting, however, Amy and I will be wearing our NRRB/CSTAG hats. Because of my close working ties with the Team, however, I plan to be less active than usual in proposing actual recommendations at the meeting. I will, however, offer my interpretations of the site data, evaluations, and consistency with the NCP and guidances.

We could also have our own call to discuss the site and address questions before the meeting in Portland. Karl can assist in this too, as he is part of contractor team (CDM is lead) working on this site for several years.

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